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FOR THE PIECE-WISE OR  
BATCH-WISE REFINING  
OF PIECES OF A  
SUBSTRATE, IN  
PARTICULAR A TEXTILE  
SUBSTRATE, UNDER  
HIGH PRESSURE


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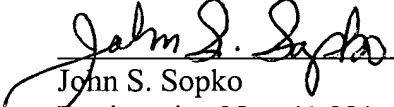
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